

### Agenda Item 1



## ICAO Policies on Airport and Air Navigation Charges



#### **Policy Material**

- Chicago Convention, Article 15 (Doc 7300)
- ICAO's Policies on Charges (Doc 9082) and on Taxes (Doc 8632)
- Assembly Resolutions
- ICAO policy on implementation of CNS/ATM systems





 Uniform conditions shall apply to use of airports and air navigation facilities and services

- Non discrimination in charges
- No charge solely for the right to overfly, enter or exit

## The Chicago Convention is binding upon all signatory States

A State may delegate operation of facilities and services but remains responsible for ensuring that all provisions of the Convention and Annexes are complied with



## Conference on the Economics of Airports and Air Navigation Services







#### New or revised policy guidance

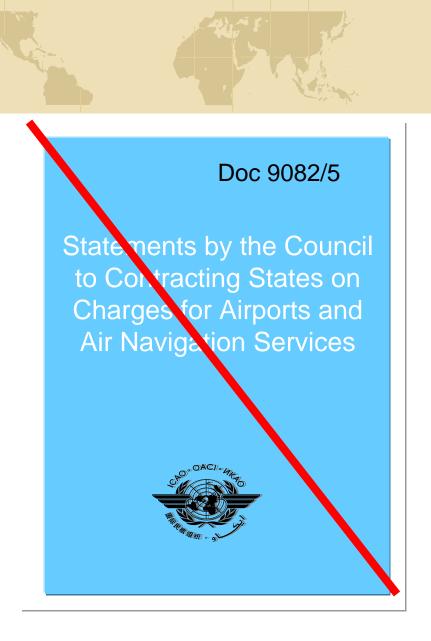
- Independent mechanism for economic regulation [§15]
- Performance parameters [§16]
- Best commercial practices [§17]
- Joint charges collection [§18]
- Intermingling of non-aeronautical and aeronautical revenues for establishing charges [§22 i), §22vii)]
- Pre-funding of projects [§24]



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ICAO's Policies on Charges for Airports and Air Navigation Services

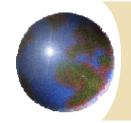




## ICAO's Policies in Doc 9082/7

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## Definition of a charge

- charge = to recover the costs of providing facilities and services for aviation
- tax = to raise national or local government revenue, usually not for aviation

# Scope and proliferation of charges [§8-9]

The Council recommends that States:

- Permit imposition of charges only for services and functions provided for civil aviation operations
- Refrain from charges that discriminate against international civil aviation

# Organizational and managerial issues [§10-18]

- Autonomy and privatization
- Independent mechanism for economic oversight of airports and air navigation services
- Development and application of performance parameters
- Best commercial practices
- Charges collection



- Establish autonomous entities where best for providers and users
- Private involvement, State ultimately responsible for safety, security and economic oversight
- ANS: international cooperation encouraged
- Chicago Convention and Annexes must be observed

#### Article 28

Each Contracting State has responsibility for Airports and Air Navigation Services in its territory in accordance with Standards and Practices recommended or established pursuant to the Convention



#### **Main Functions**

- Ensure non discrimination in charging
- Ensure no overcharging/anticompetitive practices/abuse of position
- Ensure transparency and presentation of financial data

# Independent Mechanism for Economic Regulation (cont.)

- Assess/encourage efficiency/efficacy
- Establish standards, quality and level of service
- Monitor investments for future demand
- Ensure users views are considered



#### Performance Parameters

- Develop and collect data on performance (safety, delay, predictability, flexibility, efficiency, availability, access, environment and cost of service)
- Evaluate and improve quality of service
- Consultations with users
- Costing systems to understand the true costs



- Quality/timeliness of services
- Assessing investment proposals
- Consultation with users
- Accounting practices/transparency
- Subsidization
- Development plans

# Balance of interest and cooperation

- Importance of air transport to States
- Share economic difficulties

# Charges On Airport

- The cost basis for charges [§ 21-22]
- Airport charging systems [§ 23]
- Pre-funding of projects [§ 24]
- Currency issues [§ 25]
- Landing charges [§ 26]
- Parking and hangar charges [§ 27]
- Passenger service charges [§ 28]

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- Security charges [§ 29]
- Noise-related charges [§ 30]
- Consultation with users [§ 31-33]
- Development of revenues from concessions, rental of premises, and "free zones" [§ 34]
- Fuel concession fees [§ 35]



## Pre-funding of projects [§24]

- In specific circumstances involving large-scale investments
- Safeguards required:
  - economic regulation
  - transparent accounting
  - consultations with users
  - limited period of time

# Aviation Security Costs (§ 29)

- Consultations before any security costs are assumed by airports, air carriers or other entities
- 2. Recovery in a fair and equitable manner
- 3. Direct relation to costs incurred
- 4. No charging for general security



# Appendix 1 of Doc 9082 updated (services to be taken into account when determining costs related to airport security)

# Policies on Air Navigation Services Charges

- Cost basis for charges
- Allocation of costs among aeronautical users
- Charging systems
- Prefunding of projects
- Currency issues

# Policies on Air Navigation Services Charges (cont)

- Approach and aerodrome control charges
- Route charges
- Charges for services used when not over provider State
- Consultation with users

## Policies on Air Navigation Services Charges (cont)

#### Security measures (§ 38 iv)):

- preventive nature, routine basis
- If not already considered in the context of safety-related measures
- No duplication with airport measures



- Guide to the facilities and services to be taken into account in determining airport costs
- Guide to the facilities and services to be taken into account in determining the total costs of air navigation services
- Glossary of terms

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### Airport Economics Manual

- 1. ICAO policy on airport charges
- 2. Organizational structures
- 3. Airport management
- 4. Determining the cost basis
- 5. Charges on air traffic and their collection
- Development and management of nonaeronautical activities
- 7. Financing

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#### Manual on Air Navigation Services Economics

- ICAO Policy on ANS Charges
- Organizational Structures
- International cooperation
- Financial management
- Financing ANS Infrastructure
- Determining the Cost Basis
- ANS Charges and their Collection

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- Consolidated Statement of Continuing ICAO Policies in the Air Transport Field (A35-18)
- Consolidated Statement of Continuing ICAO Policies and Practices Related to Environmental Protection (A35-5)



## A35-18 Appendix F

#### Section 1. Charging policy

Definition of a charge and a tax

#### The Assembly urges Contracting States

- To ensure that Article 15 is fully respected
- To base recovery of costs on Article 15 and Doc 9082
- To ensure that charges only be applied towards defraying costs
- To publish and communicate charges



## A35-18 Appendix F

## Section 2. Economics and management The Assembly

- Reminds Contracting States that they remain responsible under Article 28
- Urges States to cooperate in recovery of costs of multinational facilities and services
- Requests Council to provide economic and organizational advice
- Requests Council to keep the economic situation under review
- Urges States to provide financial data



## A35-5 Appendix I

- Use of market-based measures to limit or reduce aircraft engine emissions
- Request the Council to develop guidance for implementing these measures
- Evaluate the costs and benefits of measures studied (voluntary measures, charges, emissions trading)



- ICAO policy on implementation and operation of CNS/ATM systems is in Doc 9750: Global Air Navigation Plan for CNS/ATM Systems
- Based on the observance of a certain number of principles (accessibility, State's responsibility and sovereignty, ICAO's role, technical cooperation, institutional arrangements, GNSS, cost recovery, etc.)



- Any queries or problems with ICAO policy guidance?
- Does cooperation exist in your State in accordance with paragraph 20?
- Who is providing security at your international airports, and how are the costs recovered (are they recovered through a separate charge/fee and/or included in another charge/fee)?